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SUBJECT: US-USSR CHEMICAL WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS, ROUND
EIGHT: JOINT STATEMENT TO THE CCD

CW MESSAGE NO. 4

1. TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT TO THE CCD WORKED OUT BY THE US AND SOVIET CHEMICAL WEAPONS DELEGATIONS IS GIVEN BELOW.
(THE JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE MADE AT THE CCD PLENARY MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, SUBJECT TO SOVIET DEL RECEIVING CLEARANCE FROM MOSCOW. (INFORMALLY SOVIET DEL HAS SAID THEY DO NOT EXPECT ANY PROBLEMS.)

2. BEGIN TEXT:

- JOINT US-USSR STATEMENT
TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WISH TO PRO-
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VIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

ROUND SEVEN OF THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH BEGAN ON JANUARY 10, ENDED ON MAY 9, 1978. ROUND EIGHT BEGAN ON AUGUST 18, 1978. THE PERIOD OF A WORKING RECESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS COINCIDED WITH THE SPECIAL SESSION OF

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT. THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ASSIGNED THE PROBLEM OF THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS TO THAT CATEGORY OF QUESTIONS WHICH SHOULD RECEIVE PRIMARY ATTENTION IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOVIET UNION AND THE U.S. ARE PROCEEDING ON THAT BASIS. DURING THE RECESS, THE EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES WORKED HARD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS, PREPARING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

ON THOSE POINTS WHERE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, BOTH SIDES PLAN DURING ROUND EIGHT TO DEVELOP COMMON LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN A JOINT INITIATIVE. VIEWS ARE BEING EXCHANGED ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES CLOSER TOGETHER. - " " TWO SIDES CLOSER

APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO, ON MAY 9, 1978, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION MADE A STATEMENT TO THE CCD ON THE PROGRESS IN THEIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A JOINT INITIATIVE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THAT STATEMENT STILL ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL RECOGNIZE FROM THE CCD'S PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLEX. THE POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ISSUES INVOLVED ARE DIRECTLY LINKED AND THUS MUST BE DEALT WITH AT THE SAME TIME. DEVELOPING AN ADEQUATELY VERIFIABLE DISARMAMENT MEASURE WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE AN ENTIRE CLASS OF WEAPONS FROM THE ARSENALS OF STATES AND WHICH ALSO AFFECTS ONE OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN MANY COUNTRIES IS A TASK WHICH REQUIRES GREAT CARE.

AWARE OF THE INTEREST OF MANY STATES IN THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, THE TWO SIDES WILL EXERT ADDITIONAL EFFORT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE ELABORATION OF A JOINT INITIATIVE ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END TEXT.

3. GENEVA 12606 SHOULD BE RENUMBERED CW MESSAGE NO. 3.
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